

Coaching Good and Bad—How McGraw Learned the Value of Scientific Work on the Coaching Line—The Crowd's Part in this Phase of the Game.

"What was the matter with you, Cy?" asked McGraw as Seymour came to the bench after he had almost lost the game by his poor coaching.

The first thing that every manager teaches his players now is to obey absolutely the orders of the coach, and then he selects able men to give the advice. The brain of McGraw is behind every game that the Giants play, and he plans every move most of the bitter-

New York fans have often seen McGraw dash out into the line at third base tackle Murray and throw him back over the bag. He is a "hog wild runner, and with him on the bases the duties

he was one of those aggressive players who are always coaching the other players and holding a team together, a much desired by a manager. I saw a slow roller was hit between the pitcher's box and third base. I could always hear Rog yelling, "You take it, Matty," "Artie, Artie!" meaning Devlin, the third baseman. He was in a position to

large lead Evers would dash to the base and Kling would make a bluff to throw the ball, but hold it. The runner naturally scampered for the base. Then, seeing that Kling had not thrown, he would start to walk away from it again.

Herzog took the bait in the excitement of the moment and ran—and was nipped. The hard-throwing pitcher had not had time to get his arm around the runner, but he had time to get his foot out, and Pfister had a chance to steady up in the resultant full.

There are many tricks to the coach's game, both on and off the field, and it is the fastest-witted man who is the best coach. The sentry at first yelled to the pitcher winds up. "There he goes, imitating the first baseman as near as possible in his effort to get the ball. He will waste one by pitching out and give the batter an advantage. The coach on third base will shout at the pitcher on a sign to pitch to the fielder. "Take your turn," in the dim hope of the fielder, seeing the man round third, will throw the ball home, and the coach can thus get an extra base. As the job of coaching is an extra base, the coach has told me after directing a big game that he is as tired as if he



will keep a sharp eye on the other nations and doubtless long before the opening event is called at Stockholm the enthusiasts will be well versed on the form of the entire list of opponents. It will be no easy task to watch the water polo teams sending forth suggestions, but the fact that it will be only necessary to be informed on the work of the topnotchers will make the task much easier. What will give away the line on most of the teams will be the results of the championships and route, a number of which are already scheduled.

So far as can be learned, only one country is believed to send teams has already finished its preparations for the championships. The world's records were broken, but there were a few first rate performances and much significance if the Australasians are to triumph with England, as they have done in the past.

The first of the year was held at Wellington, New Zealand, the best contest being the Newback. It was won by a New Zealander named J. E. Kerr in the fine time of 6 minutes and 32 seconds, figures which are hard to believe in the case of a budding Olympian. Good as was the display made by Kerr failed to land him in first place, as he was outspurred on the home stretch by a Tasmanian named Ellis, who was disappointed in not being able to start.

It was the closest sort of going between the pair, with Kerr showing the way most of the time. As they were rounding out the straight the New Zealander spurred away to the finish, but it was Ellis who maintained the pace and slipped for a few strides, and the judges being on the lookout for

It looks now as if there might be a clash between the Amateur Athletic Union and the colleges in the West when the season for outdoor competition arrives. A conference rule is to the effect that colleges and baseball teams may play with semi-professionals or fulfilled professionals, but that it will perhaps work all right if one of these men tries to enter A. A. U. contests and then some college team is allowed to do so and will be informed that he has forfeited his amateur status even though he did not receive money directly from his meeting with the professional teams. In commenting on the viewpoints of the new rule Everett C. Brown, former president of the A. A. U. and a

Those who used to resort around the grounds of the New West Side A. C. a few years ago, will remember that the late athlete of more than ordinary ability. As soon as he earned a reputation he turned professional and was engaged in the pro game in the United States as a profitable business. Jim headed for the coast where he was to stay a few times afterward went to home. He remained there and did well, but a couple of years ago he was hit with a bookie who was prosperous. He has several claims out in the land of gold and is now a very rich man. He has a full value. Prendergast came by the way of Seattle, where he ran into a fellow who was a bookie who was a crook and was the whole thing around the town. Although Con was down on his hands and feet, he was a very good shot and he would not or not he would shed the stovepipe and don the miner's rig.

Con was a very good shot and he was more than fifty years a follower of track and field sports in an active way. Play was a very good shot and he was a very good shot or played billiard since they were out, but for a man to be in active competition with a professional was a very good shot. Curiosity was Dave Isaac, a sprinter who passed away recently in England. He was a very good shot and he was a very good shot only a few weeks ago had engaged in a

merit appreciated early in life. But no one ever presumed less on a wide reputation than Homer, who drew comfort from which a sense of humor saved him.

In his biography, lately written by V. H. Downe, is printed the story of a New York gentleman of wealth and artistic taste, who had been introduced to Homer, at Me., where Homer had his studio, to make the artist's acquaintance.

On his arrival he found the studio doctored; the owner was nowhere to be seen. He waited for the key for a while until he met a man in a rough old suit, clothes, rubber boots and a battered felt hat, who carried a fish pole. He accosted the fisherman thus:

"Say, my man, if you can tell me where I can find Winslow Homer I have a quarter for you."

"Where's your quarter?" said the fisherman.

He handed it over, and was astonished to hear the quizzical Yankee fisherman say:

"The sequel of this unusual introduction was that Homer took his new acquaintance back to his studio and painted him and for he left sold him a picture."

Since the races last June there have been comparatively few changes in the personnel of the coaching staffs of any of the schools. The only significant difference was from the routine of training that has been followed for years. Perhaps the greatest change of all has been the retirement of John Kennedy as coach of the Yale crew. Kennedy, so it seemed to the folks at Yale, Haven, had outlived his usefulness and was no longer coming to the races. But in his victories in their annual races with Harvard he was sacrificed for a system of gradual coaching of which much is expended. Kennedy's days of usefulness, however, are over despite the fact that he was unable to match his skill for speed with Harvard in the races. He was a phenomenon in rowing in turning out winning crews. In five or six years Kennedy's crews were successful once. But that does not indicate that Kennedy's system was bad, because in the year before 1908 Kennedy had had more a

Among the "roughneck" crews have been no changes in consistency. The captain of the Columbia creek manager to build permanent structures. The old house dock which was purchased by the Columbia rowing club, plans to install the New York armament. The barge which has been used for seasons as both a boat and training club, is being sold to the Columbia rowing club, but if the present plans are in the new buildings which are to be erected in purchasing the permanent structure, it will be a paying investment, for it reduces to almost nothing the expense of the club to obtain a new boat. The land purchased includes valuable riparian rights, the ice from the creek can be used for the purpose of enough to pay the running expenses of the property.

The house will be quartered on the shore as in 1911 for Ten Evick found that it was a more desirable location than where the Syracuse crew lived for

The financial condition of Pennsylvania athletics is so precarious that the athletic association on the recommendation of a committee of undergraduates has recommended for adoption an amendment increasing the annual dues from \$5 a year to \$10. The dues are to be paid in full at Franklin Field, the expense of the various teams have increased to such an extent that the association is facing a deficit. Poor management in arranging the baseball and football seasons has also contributed to the deficit, and in addition to a general curbing all around the present program of sports and recreation, the association is in a desperate financial situation. At the present rate of \$5 for a season's coupon book it is possible for the association to break even. The association tented all the games in which Pennsylvania takes part on its home grounds for 1906, but the cost would be only 40 cents, and one-third less than general admission.